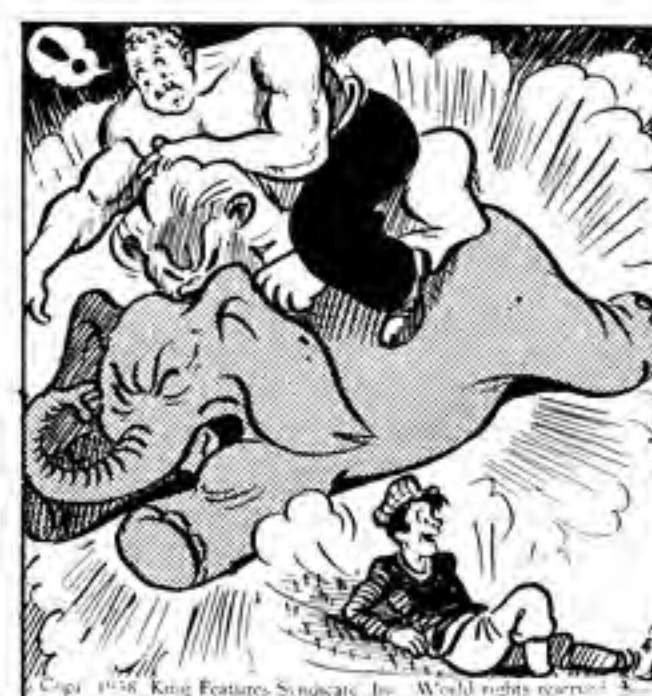
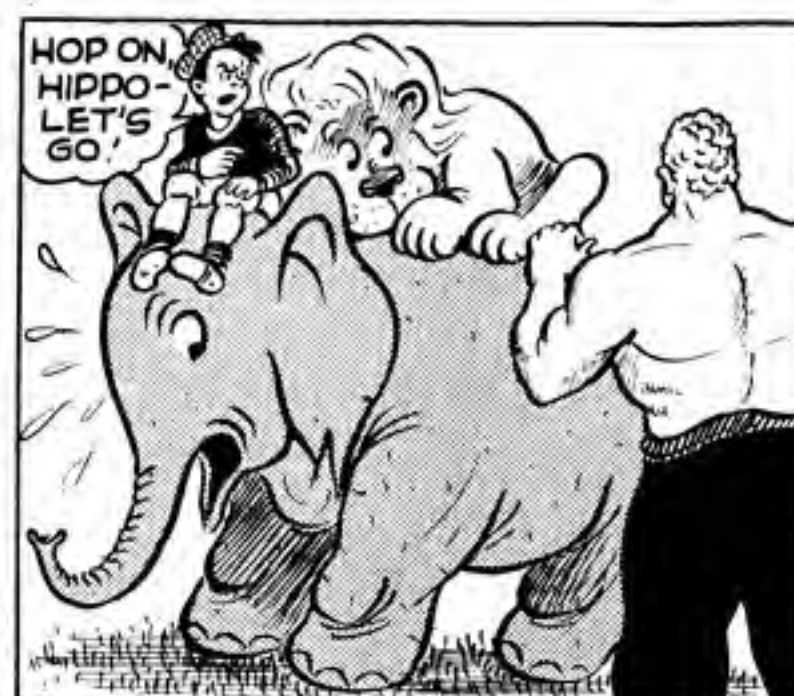
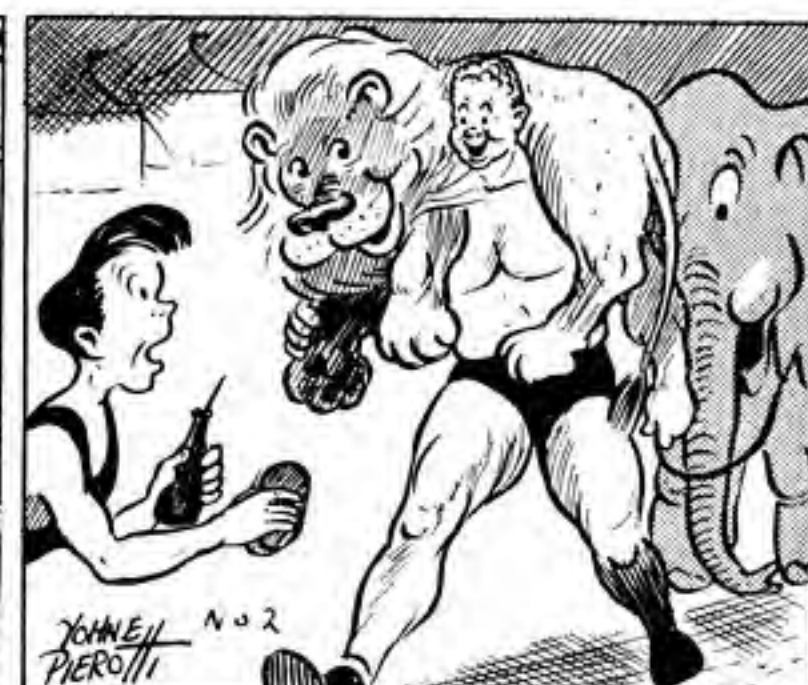
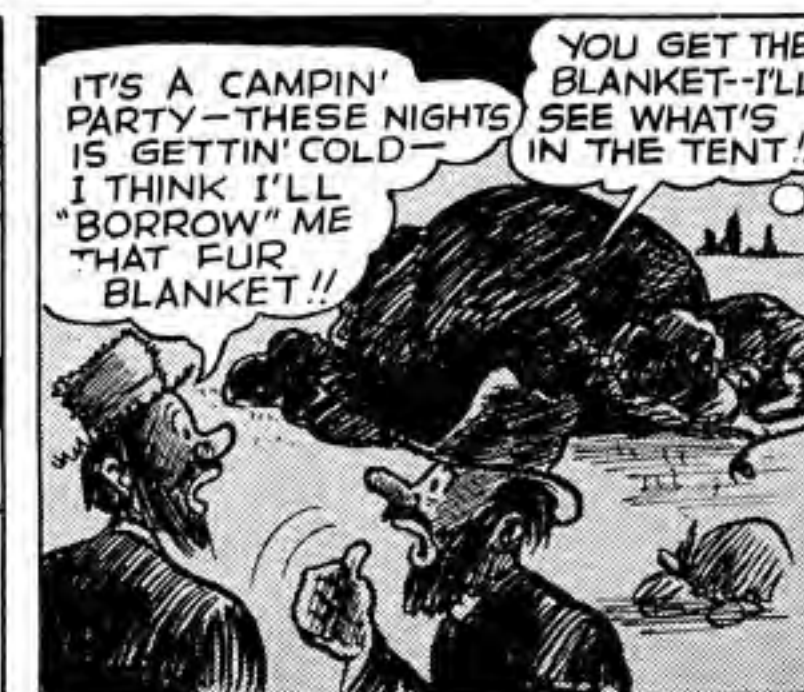


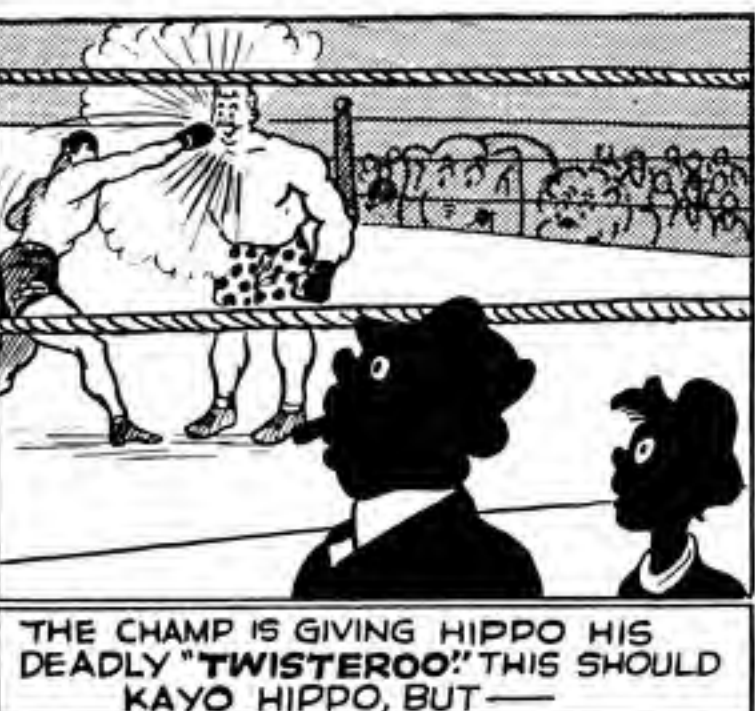
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THE
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CIRCUS
IS
BROKE--
THE
PRESIDENT
AND HIS
TREASURER
START ON
A LEISURELY
TOUR OF
THE
COUNTRY--
WITH A
POSSE OF
CREDITORS
AFTER THEM







I T'INK ME JAW'S BROKE!!

I COULD CLEAN UP WITH THAT BIG FELLOW---BUT WE HAVE TO GET RID OF THE KID FIRST--- HE'S TOO SMART!

MEANWHILE

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RARE ANIMUL

STAND STILL, WILL YA?

MY, DON'T LOOIE LOOK PURTY, THOUGH?

RARE ANIMUL

A RARE SPECIMEN, INDEED---PROBABLY A ZOMBEZIAN WOLF HOUND!

BLUE RIBBON PET CONTEST

GOO'NESS, AND I THOUGHT LOOIE WUZ AN AFRICAN LION!!

THE BIG DOPE!

JOHNE PIERONI No. 10

HOOKE'S ONLY A LAD, JUDGE--- HE NEEDS THE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE OF AN INSTITUTION!

HE IS UNDER AGE, SO I SUPPOSE THAT'S THE ONLY WAY!!

THE UNSCRUPULOUS W. DONALD DIRTEE, IS PLOTTING TO SEPARATE HIPPO AND HOOKIE SO THAT HE CAN EXPLOIT HIPPO!!

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WITH THAT KID OUT OF THE WAY, I CAN MAKE A MILLION WITH THE BIG APE--- BUT FIRST I'LL HAVE TO CONVINCE HIM THE ORPHANAGE'S BEST FOR HOOKIE!

DEAR LITTLE HOOKIE NEEDS THE LOVING CARE OF AN ORPHANAGE!!

GOO'NESS, I'LL MISS THE LI'L FELLER!

ORDER S IS ORDERS!

YA BIG YAPS! HIPPO'LL GET YA FOR THIS!!

JOHNE PIERONI No. 11

LET GO! BIFF! BOP!

HOOKE ARRIVES AT THE ORPHANAGE!!

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WHAT KIND OF A JOINT IS THIS, ANYWAY---? TAKING AWAY A GUY'S PETS!!

JOHNE PIERONI

HOME SWEET HOME

GOO'NESS I'M GONNA MISS THE LI'L FELLER!!





NOW THIS SIR MORTIMER WHAT'S-HIS-NAME SOUNDS LIKE HE MIGHT BE A SISSY---BUT WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES---I CAN'T AFFORD FOR US TO GET HURT!!

W. DONALD DIRTEE, HIPPO'S MANAGER, HAS MATCHED HIM WITH A MYSTERIOUS FIGHTER CALLED SIR. MORTIMER PUSHBUTTON! WHAT'S IN STORE FOR HIPPO??



NOW REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU-- FINISH HIM FAST!!

CLANK CLANK!!



WHAT IN TH'---!!!

GOO'NESS, WHUT A QUEER-LOOKING FELLOW!



GENTLEMEN, I GIVE YOU SIR MORTIMER PUSHBUTTON

JOHN PIEROTT

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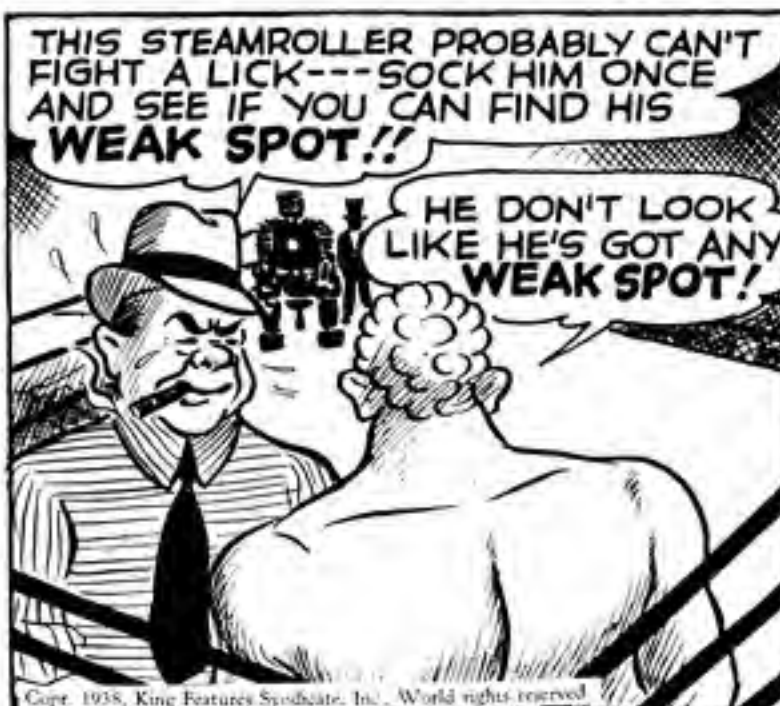
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YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME, I TELL YOU---THAT AIN'T A MAN, IT'S A-A-A-STEAM ENGINE!!

REMEMBER, SIR, YOU SAID ANYTHING WITH HANDS---WEL-L-L!

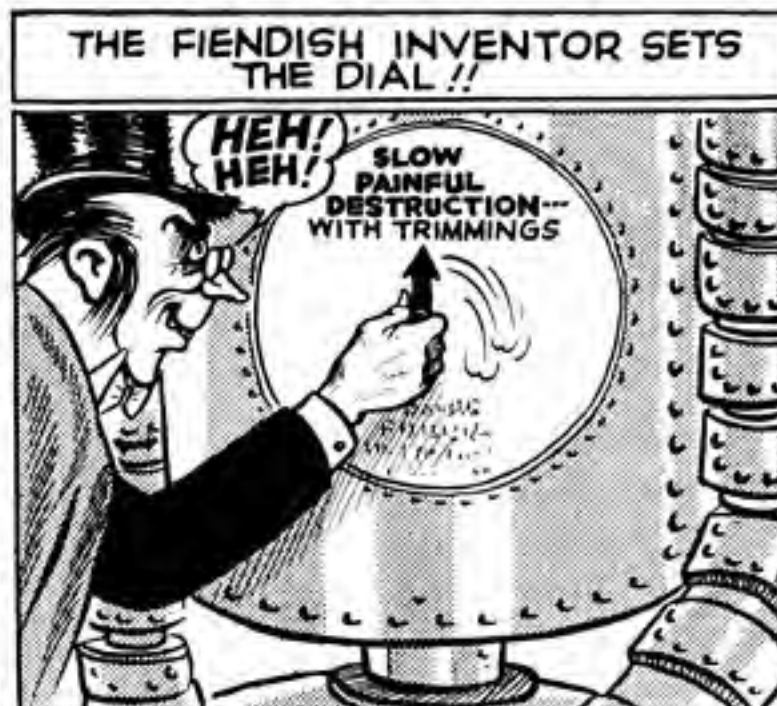
W. DONALD DIRTEE HAS MATCHED HIPPO WITH SIR. MORTIMER PUSHBUTTON, SIGHT UNSEEN--SIR. MORTIMER TURNS OUT TO BE A MECHANICAL MAN!!! THIS IS SERIOUS!!



THIS STEAMROLLER PROBABLY CAN'T FIGHT A LICK---SOCK HIM ONCE AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND HIS WEAK SPOT!!

HE DON'T LOOK LIKE HE'S GOT ANY WEAK SPOT!

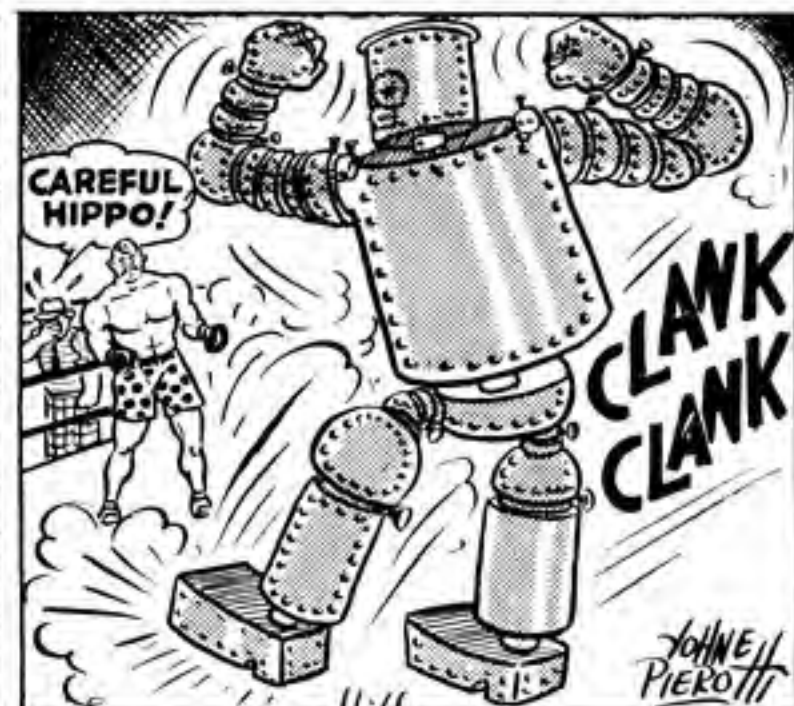
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THE FIENDISH INVENTOR SETS THE DIAL!!

HEH! HEH!

SLOW PAINFUL DESTRUCTION WITH TRIMMINGS



CAREFUL HIPPO!

CLANK CLANK

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AIN'T HE NICE AND SHINY?

CLANK CLANK

THE FIENDISH INVENTOR HAS "SET" THE ROBOT TO DESTROY HIPPO--THE BATTLE IS ON!!



LOOKIT ALL THE BUTTONS---I WONDER WHUT THEY'RE FOR?

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SLOW PAINFUL DESTRUCTION WITH TRIMMINGS

REVERSE-SLOW PAINFUL DESTRUCTION WITH EXTRA TRIMMINGS



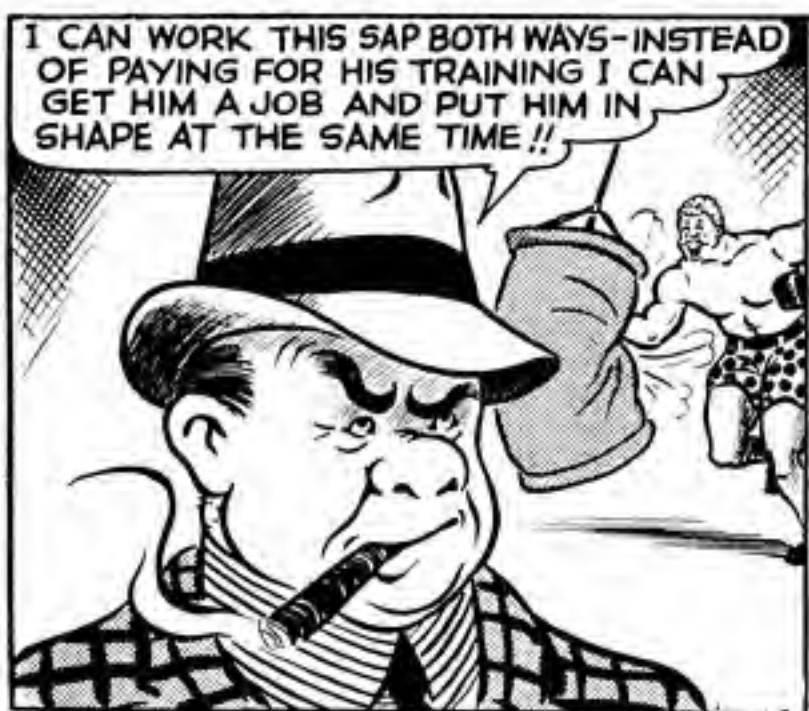
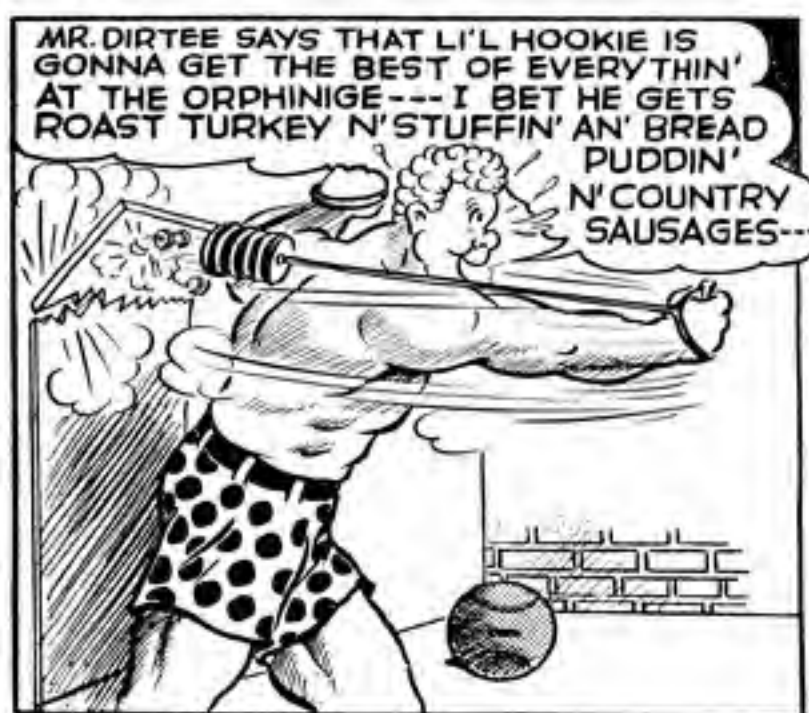
STOP! YOU'VE REVERSED SIR. MORTIMER---HE'S AFTER ME! HELP!

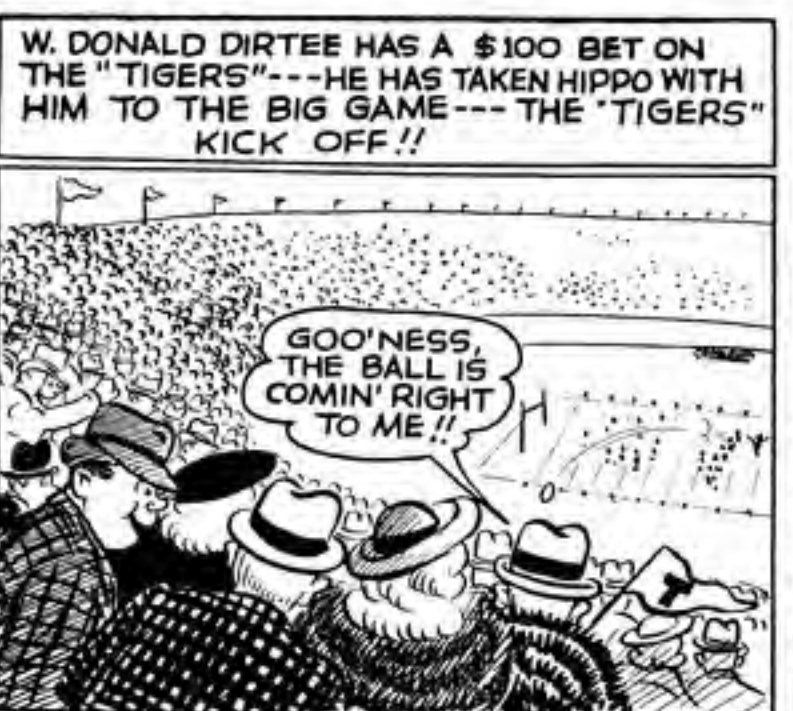
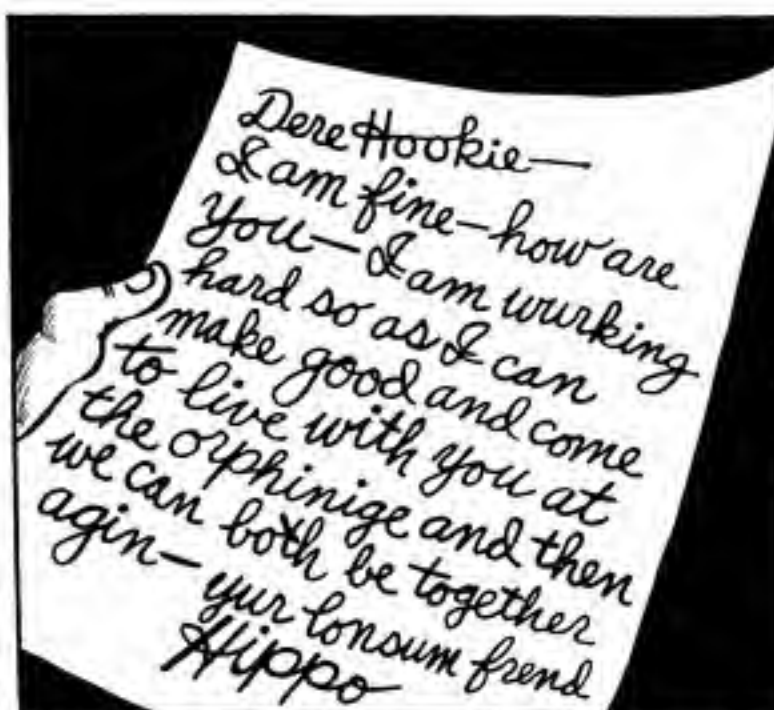
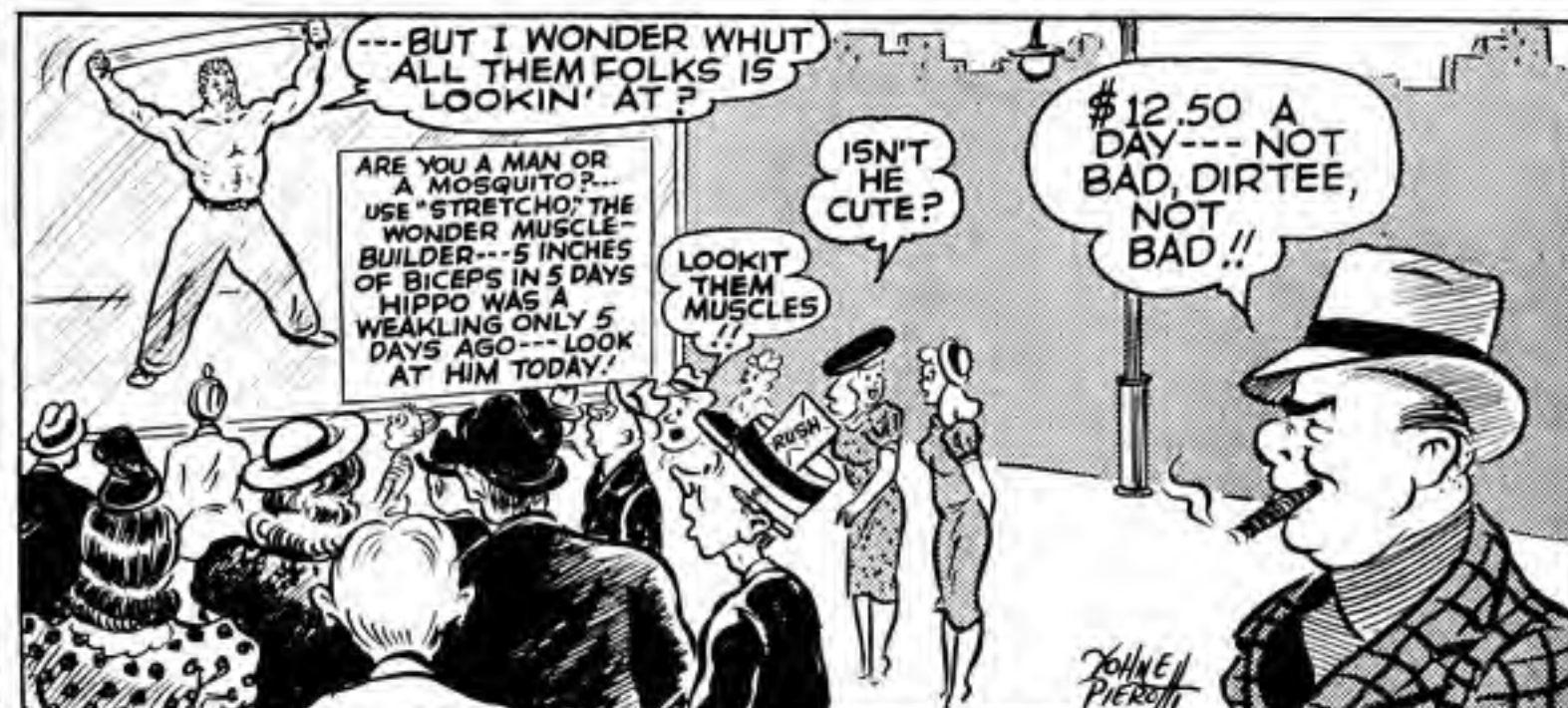
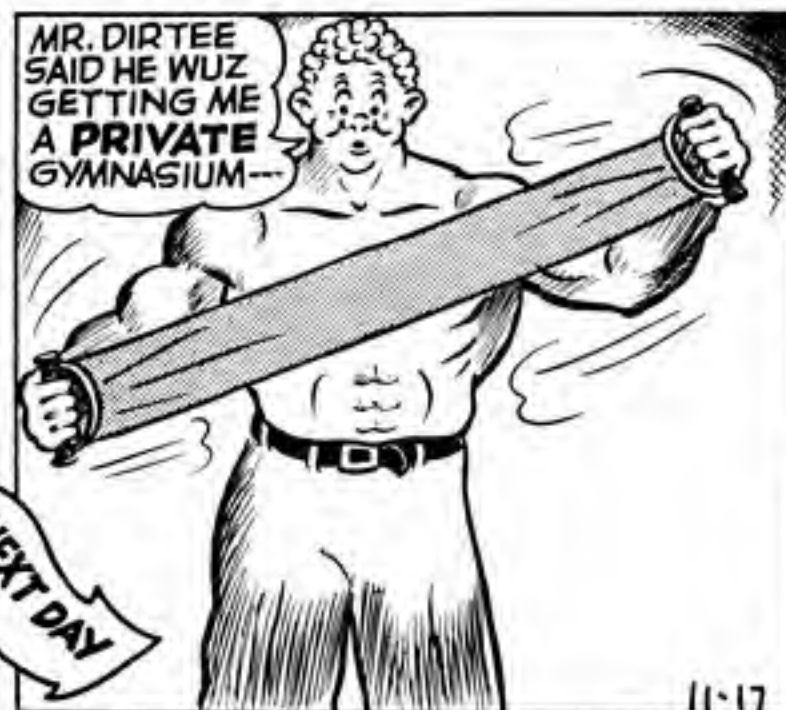
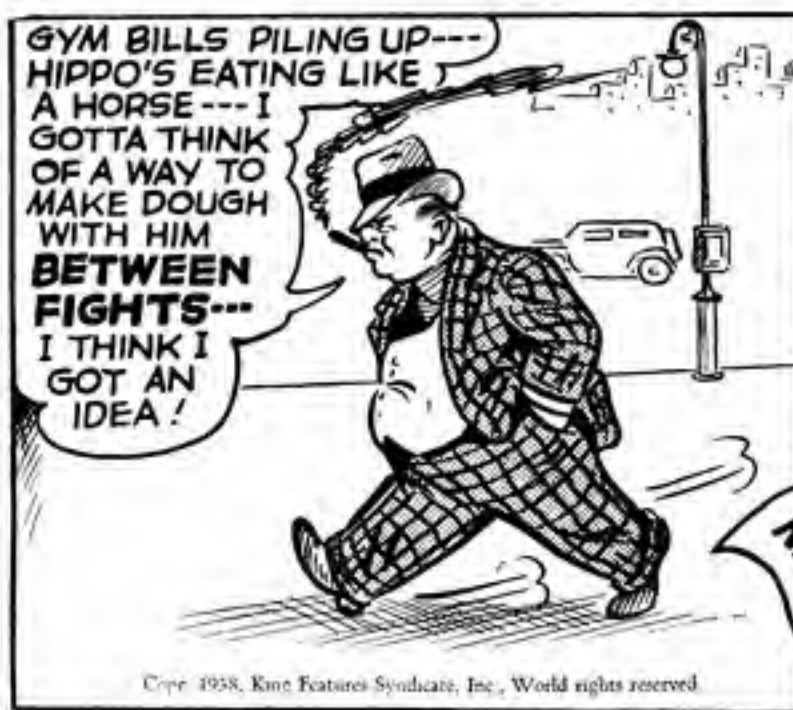
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WHUT A STRANGE MAN---I HOPE HE DON'T GET HURT NONE!

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WITH HOOKIE IN THE ORPHANAGE, HIPPO IN THE HANDS OF THE WILY DONNY DIRTEE, IT BEGINS TO LOOK AS THOUGH THESE PALS WILL NEVER GET TOGETHER!!

I GOTTA GET A MATCH FOR HIPPO---IT'LL HAVE TO BE SOMEONE SPECTACULAR---SOMEONE WHO'LL DRAW A CROWD---AND IT'S GOTTA BE SOON OR I'LL GO BROKE, FEEDING THAT ONE-MAN ARMY!!

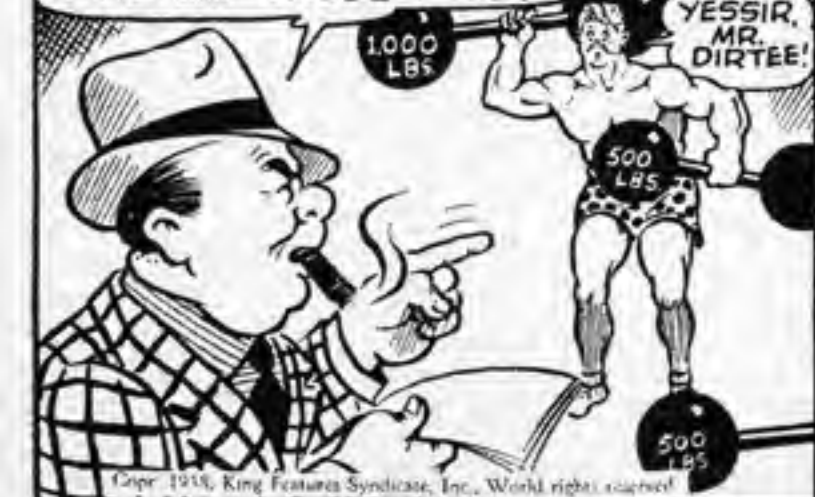


SEE "SLAUGHTER" THE WORLD'S LARGEST AND MOST FEROCIOUS APE!!... HAS THE STRENGTH OF TEN MEN... 620 LBS. OF TERRIBLE, TERRIFYING ANIMAL!!! HE'S COLOSSAL!!

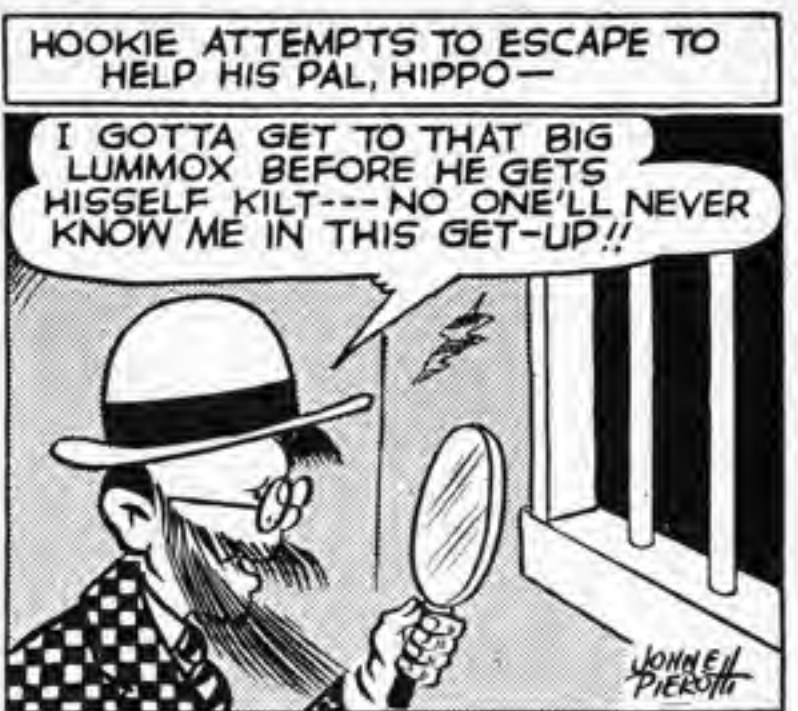


DONNY DIRTEE HAS ARRANGED FOR HIPPO TO FIGHT A MAN-EATING APE, "SLAUGHTER"

SIGN THESE, HIPPO--DON'T BOTHER TO READ 'EM 'CAUSE I DID!



THE PAPERS FOR THE BATTLE OF THE CENTURY BETWEEN HIPPO AND "SLAUGHTER" HAVE BEEN SIGNED--- THE PUBLIC CLAMORS FOR TICKETS!!



READING OF THE IMPENDING FIGHT BETWEEN HIS PAL HIPPO, AND AN APE, HOOKIE ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE FROM THE ORPHANAGE.

SO YER NAME IS BARNABY POODLE, HEY? -WELL, I KNOW BETTER, YA RUNT--- GIT BACK TO YER ROOM!!



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--- AND SO IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR BRAVERY AND FORTITUDE, WE DEEM IT A PRIVILEGE TO ASK YOU TO DEDICATE THIS PREMATURE TRIBUTE---

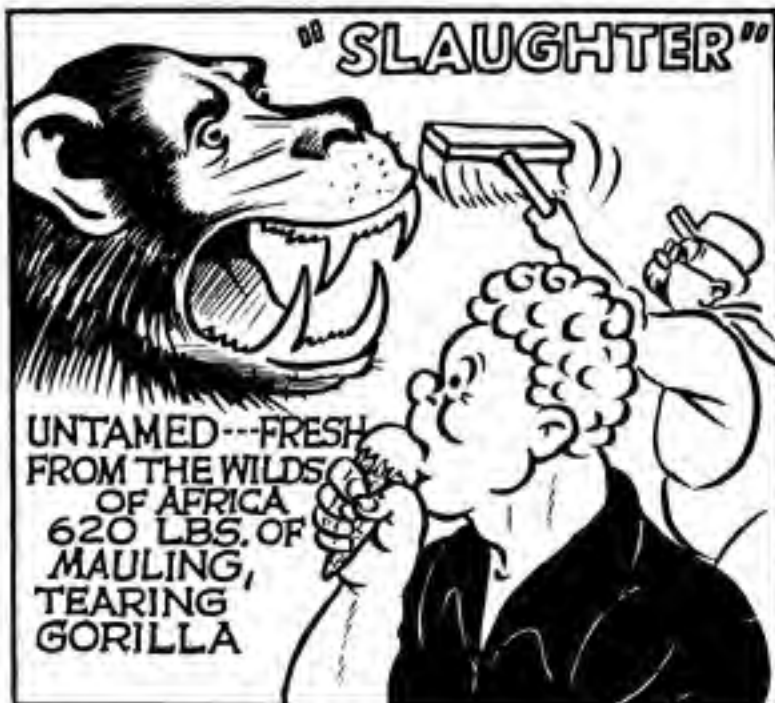


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HOOKE IS STILL MAKING DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO GET TO HIS PAL HIPPO, BEFORE THE FIGHT WITH THE DANGEROUS "SLAUGHTER"



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THE BATTLE BETWEEN APE AND MAN DRAWS CLOSE---THE DISCUSSIONS WAX HOTTER; THE CITIZENS AND EXPERTS BECOME MORE HEATED!!



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THE STRUGGLE OF GIANTS NEARS-----
HIPPO VS "SLAUGHTER" THE APE---
THE PUBLIC IS AROUSED, THE APE IS
AROUSSED, ONLY HIPPO IS PEACEFUL!!

---AND SO, SIR, WE, THE BOARD, BEFORE
PERMITTING THIS COMBAT, INSIST YOU
PASS OUR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION!!



IF THERE'S
NO 'RITHMETIC
QUESTIONS I
THINK I KIN
PASS!!



STEADY!

I HOPE
IT DON'T
TICKLE!!

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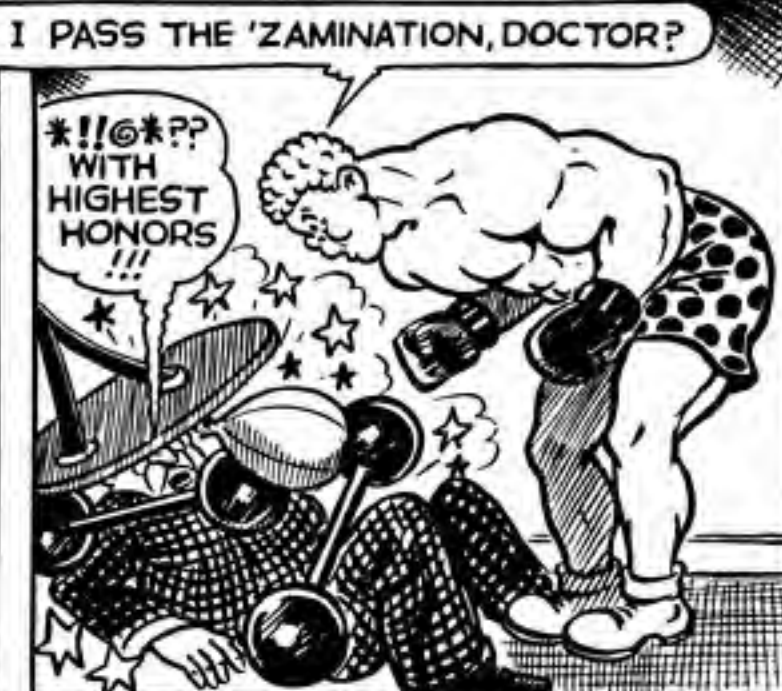


OUFF!!

MY!
MY!

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!!@??
WITH
HIGHEST
HONORS
!!!

DID I PASS THE 'ZAMINATION, DOCTOR?

THE FORCE OF YOUR MUSCULAR ATTACK IS
TESTED BY THIS "STRIKEOMETER"---
POUND IT, SIR, AND DO
NOT SPARE YOUR
MUSCLE!!



10,000 LBS
9,000 LBS
8,000 LBS
7,000 LBS
6,000 LBS
5,000 LBS
4,000 LBS
3,000 LBS
2,000 LBS
1,000 LBS



CLANG!



AND NOW FOR YOUR LUNGS, SIR!!!
BLOW! I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE
POWERS OF **THIS**
APPARATUS!!!

TYPHOON
HURRICANE
BAD STORM
TEN NORMAL MEN
6 VERY NORMAL MEN
TWO NORMAL MEN
ONE NORMAL MAN

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BAH!!
LET'S GO
HOME,
GENTLEMEN

GOO'NESS! IT
LOOKS LIKE
NIAGARA
FALLS
!!

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HOOKEE IS STILL MAKING DESPERATE
ATTEMPTS TO GET TO HIS PAL, HIPPO,
BEFORE THE FIGHT WITH "SLAUGHTER",
THE APE.



IT'S GOOD I LEARNED
THIS AT THE CIRCUS!

NOW YOU GUYS GOTTA SEE **HOW**
TOUGH THIS HIPPO IS--- TELL HIM
YOU'RE A COMMITTEE OR SOMETHING!



IT'S A
CINCH!

'SLAUGHTER

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WE'RE TH' DEPARTMENT O' "SOCKS N'
HOOKS"!!

YEH! WE GOTTA
TEST YER RESISTANCE
TO PUNISHMENT!!



DIS IS DA "TRIPLE SOCKO"
TEST---IT MIGHT
HOIT A LITTLE!

YEH, IT MIGHT
EVEN KILL YA!

WE'RE
WILLIN'
TO TAKE
TH' CHANCE!

JOHN E. PIEROTTI

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THREE "SPIES" ARE TRYING TO DISCOVER
JUST HOW TOUGH HIPPO IS.



YA BETTER BE
GOOD TO PASS
THIS ONE!!

GOO'NESS! THIS
IS SUCH
FUN!



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WELL, WHAT'VE YOU GUYS GOT TO REPORT?
WE GOTTA REPORT DAT-FOIST, YOU'D BETTER FEED THAT APE O' YOU'RN RAW MEAT AND CEMENT--- AND-SECOND, WE QUIT!!

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THE DAY OF THE BATTLE OF THE AGES
NEARS --- APE VS. MAN!!! --- AND
THE MAN IS HIPPO!!!



GOO'NESS, HE MUST BE AWFULLY HOT BY NOW!!
GREAK! BOP
NO, THAT AIN'T NO EARTHQUAKE--- THAT'S "SLAUGHTER" WARMING UP!!
BIFF!



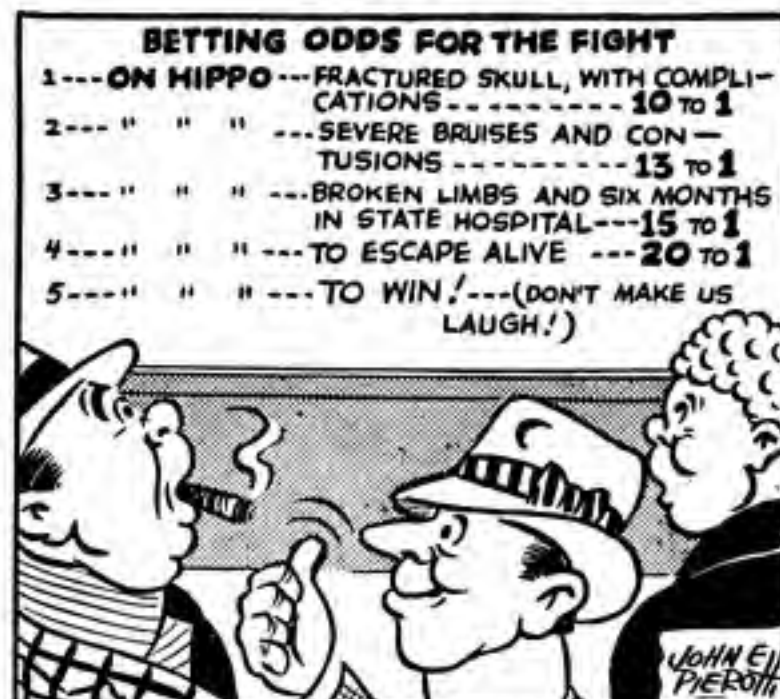
WHAT'S THAT EMPTY SPACE FOR, STANDING-ROOM??
NAW, THAT'S PARKING SPACE FER AMBULANCES!!!

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WHAT ARE THE ODDS?
YOU'LL SEE!
JACK BOIL
BETTING EXPERT

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BETTING ODDS FOR THE FIGHT
1---ON HIPPO---FRACTURED SKULL, WITH COMPLICATIONS---10 TO 1
2---" " " SEVERE BRUISES AND CON- TUSIONS---13 TO 1
3---" " " BROKEN LIMBS AND SIX MONTHS IN STATE HOSPITAL---15 TO 1
4---" " " TO ESCAPE ALIVE---20 TO 1
5---" " " TO WIN!---(DON'T MAKE US LAUGH!)

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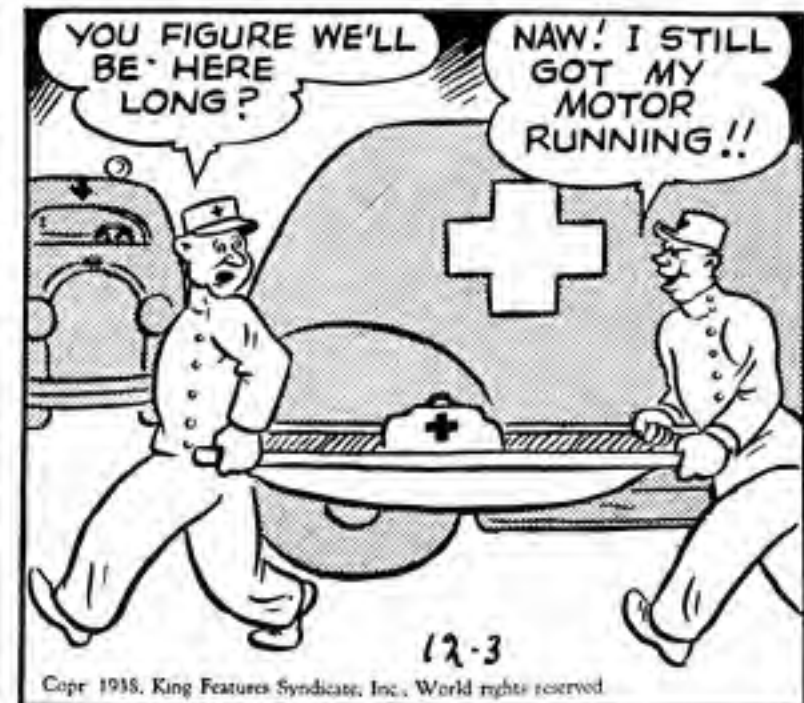
THE DAY OF DAYS!!! HIPPO VS.
"SLAUGHTER"--- THE APE IS THE
OVERWHELMING FAVORITE---DANGER
LURKS IN HIS EVERY MOVE!!



WHO'S GONNA REFEREE THE FIGHT?
THERE AIN'T GONNA BE NO REFEREE, 'CAUSE WE CAN'T FIND ANOTHER MAN IN THE WORLD WHO'LL GET IN THE SAME RING WITH "SLAUGHTER"!!



WE CAN'T TAKE CHANCES ON THE CROWD GETTIN' HURT BY HIPPO'S BODY!!



YOU FIGURE WE'LL BE HERE LONG?
NAW! I STILL GOT MY MOTOR RUNNING!!

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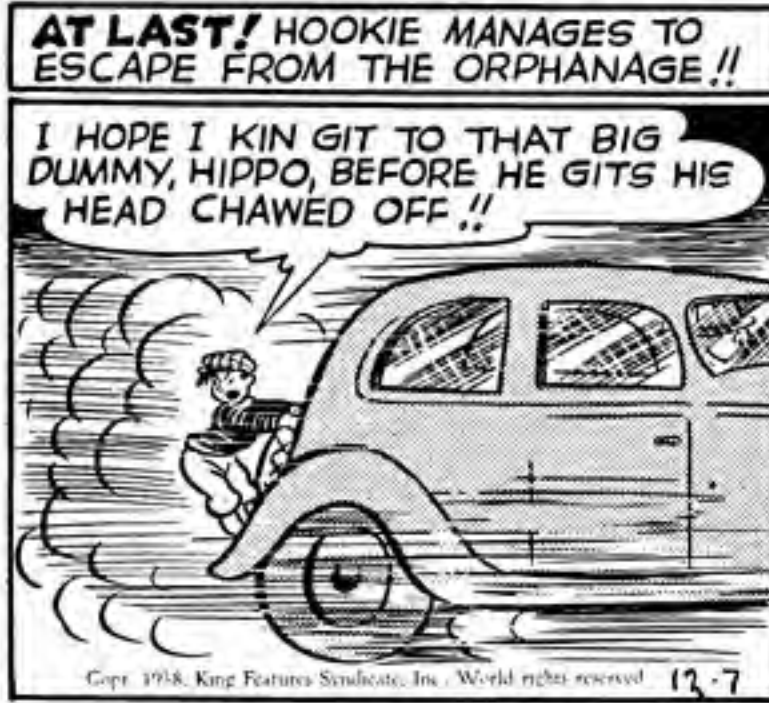
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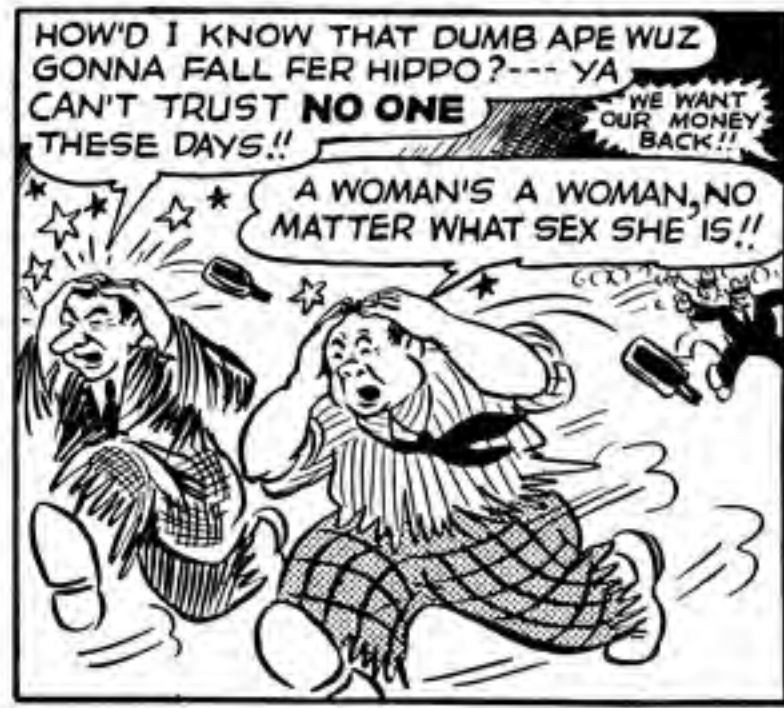
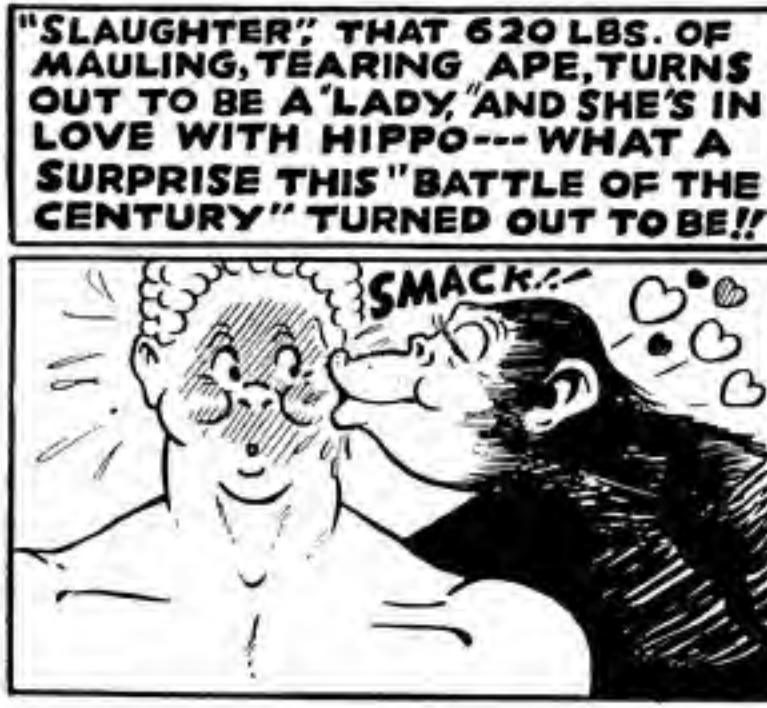


HIPPO APPROACHES THE RING--- LITTLE AWARE OF HIS TERRIBLE FATE!!
GOO'NESS, I WISH HOOKIE WUZ HERE!!

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THE BATTLE OF THE CENTURY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!! MAN VS. APE--- CAN HIPPO STAND THE FURIOUS ATTACK OF THE UNTAMED JUNGLE KILLER?? THAT'S THE QUESTION!!





THE
PALS
ARE
REUNITED,
BUT
HIPPO
HAS
A LOT
OF
EXPLAIN-
ING
TO
DO
TO
LITTLE
HOOKIE
!!

PLEEZE, HOOKIE --- MR. DIRTEE
TOL' ME THAT IT WOULD BE
TH' BEST THING FOR YOU TO
BE IN TH' ORPHINIGE !!

I'M DISGUSTED---
AFTER ALL I LEARNED
YA-YA HAFTA PULL A
STUNT LIKE THAT---
STOP FOLLERIN' ME !!

LISSEN, HOOKIE--- I PROMISE NEVER
TO LET NO ONE TELL ME ANYTHIN' BUT
YOU --- HONEST !!

YA
PROMISE
NOW !!

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NOW REMEMBER---
I'M THE
BOSS !!

I THINK HAMBURGERS IS A GREATER
INVENTION THAN AIRPLANES --- DON'T
YOU HOOKIE ?

THERE AIN'T
NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT !!

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WHUT ARE WE GONNA
DO NOW, HOOKIE ?

LEMME THINK, I
GOT A LOT O'
IDEAS AND I
GOTTA PICK THE
BEST ONE !

UM-M-M---
YES, A-HUH !

DO YOU THINK SO---
DEAR, OH DEAR, I
HOPE SO !!

ARE THEY BIG
ENOUGH, DEAR
?

UM-M-M- IN
A MINUTE
DEAR !!

THEY MUST
BE NUTS!!
DON'T PAY
NO
ATTENTION
TO THEM!

AH! YES!---WE'VE FOUND HIM,
AT LAST!--- PERFECT!--- PERFECT!

OH
DEAR, AT
LAST!

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WHO ARE THESE LITTLE PEOPLE ?

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